REPORTS

OF THE

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FINANCIAL AFFAIRS OF THE TOWN,

AND OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

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REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

The Selectmen have examined the accounts of Ebenezer Akin, Jr., Collector of Taxes, to the year 1855, and Tucker Damon, Jr., to 1861, and find them correct.

Amount of tax bills in the hands of Ebenezer Akin, Jr., at the commencement of the past year, as per Selectmen's Report, 1860,		$191.49
Amount of tax bills in the hands of T. Damon, Jr., for the year 1859–60,	$4,859.57	
Amount of tax bills placed in the hands of T. Damon, Jr., for the year 1860–61,	28,288.45	
Received from town of Acushnet, their proportion of state and county tax,	1,236.78	
		$34,384.80

Their accounts show as follows:

Uncollected taxes in the hands of E. Akin, Jr., to March 20th, 1861,			$191.49
Amount collected by Tucker Damon, Jr., and paid to State Treasurer,		$1,320.00	
" " County Treasurer,		5,791.60	
" " Town Treasurer,		17,969.57	
Abatement for prompt pay,		1,256.80	
Taxes remitted by Assessors,		353.33	
Uncollected taxes, 1855–6,	$100.88		
Uncollected taxes, 1857–8,	274.63		
Uncollected taxes, 1858–9,	736.19		
Uncollected taxes, 1859–60,	1,424.20		
Uncollected taxes, 1860–61,	5,157.60		
In hands of T. Damon, Jr.,		$7,693.50	
			$34,384.80

The accounts of Tucker Damon, Jr., Treasurer of the town, have been examined, and are correct, as follows, viz.:

The town is credited with:

Balance in the treasury, March 26th, 1860,	$256.19
Dividends from bank stock,	168.00
Loans from Fairhaven bank,	5,000.00
Loans from Fairhaven Institution for Savings,	4,000.00
Loans from Merchants bank,	2,500.00
Cash of State Treasurer, school fund,	210.74
Cash of town of Nantucket,	210.37
Cash of town of Middleborough,	7.00
Cash of town of Rochester,	46.66
Cash of town of Acushnet,	49.09
Cash of city of Fall River,	206.99
Cash of Wm. A. Spooner, superintendent, labor, &c.,	85.67
Cash from dog licenses,	94.00
Cash from J. A. Hawes, "fines for keeping dogs without license,"	20.00
Cash for auctioneers' licenses,	4.00
Cash from Welcome J. Lawton,	16.00
Cash from George A. Briggs, surveyor and superintendent,	68.49
Cash from Allen Brownell, surveyor,	2.12
Cash from J. A. Hawes, for flagging and plank,	5.00
Cash from Enoch T. Taber, for plank,	2.00
Cash from Elbridge G. Morton,	18.58
Cash from T. Damon, Jr., collector,	17,969.57
	$31,240.47

And indebted with orders drawn on the Treasurer and paid, viz.:

For highways, schools, poor, and incidental expenses,	$22,021.71
For loans from Fairhaven Bank,	7,000.00
For interest on loans,	1,531.00
For discounts,	153.75
For Treasurer and Collector's salary,	500.00
Cash balance in Treasurer's hands,	34.01
	$31,240.47

There remains unpaid of the expenses of the town on the 15th of March, as near as can be ascertained:

Outstanding orders for schools,	$36.03
Outstanding orders for support of the poor,	914.72
Outstanding orders for "incidental" expenses,	511.40
Interest due,	600.00
Temporary loans,	6,500.00
	$8,562.15

To pay the aforesaid:

Uncollected taxes,	$7,884.99
School books sold,	383.65
School books in the hands of the committee,	410.71
Due from F. Keith, on his note,	94.21
Due from Nantucket,	150.00
Due from Mattapoisett,	8.00
Due from Acushnet,	4.00
Francis T. Perry's note, dated Jan. 28th, 1861, at 12 mos.,	50.00
	$8,985.56

TOWN DEBT.

Loan of Fairhaven Institution for Savings,	$21,000.00
Loan of individuals,	5,800.00
	$26,800.00

At the annual town meeting, the Selectmen were authorized to make a settlement with the town of Acushnet, but as yet have not made a final settlement. The following property has been appraised and assigned, viz.:

To Fairhaven.

Town farm, appraised at	$6,000.00
High school house,	3,600.00
Engine house and lot at Oxford Village,	900.00
Engine at the same,	1,200.00
Engine house and lot at Fairhaven Village,	900.00
Two engines not named, at Fairhaven Village,	400.00
One engine manned, at Fairhaven Village,	2,400.00
Town house lot,	200.00
Watch house and lot in Fairhaven Village,	750.00
Gravel lot near L. S. Akin's,	25.00
One safe in the clerk's office,	250.00
One pair of oxen,	116.00
One cow,	36.00
One cow,	34.00
Two cows,	60.00
One Cow,	26.00
Two heifers,	24.00
One bull,	28.00
One horse,	85.00
One boar,	18.00
Four swine,	68.00
One ox wagon,	56.00
One horse cart,	31.00

One farm wagon,	15.00	
One covered wagon,	23.00	
One open wagon,	13.00	
Cultivator, harrow, &c.,	5.00	
Lot Pitch-forks, muck-forks, hoes, &c.,	5.00	
Lot harnesses,	16.00	
Two plows,	9.00	
Lot farming tools,	17.00	
One grind-stone, yokes, measures and baskets,	5.00	
Two tackles and one wood saw,	1.00	
157½ lbs. drills at 15 cents,	23.00	
One stone gear,	1.00	
Lot of old wheels,	1.50	
One stone drag,	2.00	
Two iron kettles and iron wedges,	1.50	
17 feather beds,	102.00	
7 bolsters and 28 pillows,	9.00	
34 sheets,	3.50	
28 comforters,	34.50	
50 pillow-cases,	3.00	
16 bedsteads,	18.00	
50 towels,	3.00	
4 table-cloths,	1.00	
6 tables,	6.00	
36 chairs,	6.00	
5 stoves,	1.50	
Lot of crockery and tin ware,	15.00	
Lot of jugs, lamps, &c.,	3.00	
500 lbs. beef,	40.00	
500 lbs. pork,	55.00	
125 lbs. sugar,	11.25	
7 tons hay,	98.00	
15 bushels corn,	15.00	
7 bushels rye,	7.00	
20 bushels potatoes,	10.00	
School books on hand,	335.49	
15 gallons molasses,	6.90	
		$18,133.14

The following property is assigned to Acushnet viz.:

Engine house and lot at Acushnet Village,	$500.00	
Engine at the same,	200.00	
School house and lot in school district No. 18,	530.00	
Two town pounds at Vincent & Parris',	30.00	
Gravel lot at Freeman Hathaway's,	50.00	
Gravel lot at Samuel E. Stacy's,	50.00	
One safe,	20.00	
		$1,380.00
		$19.513.14

We are unable to report to you the amount due from the town of Acushnet to the town of Fairhaven as yet; it will probably be about $4.200.00.

The town has their proportional part of twenty-eight shares Fairhaven bank stock, par value,		$2,800.00
Liquor agency, stock and cash on hand,		447.76

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Balance of appropriation for 1859–60, due schools,	$3,066.99	
Appropriation for 1860–1,	5,500.00	
Received of State Treasurer,	147.40	
		$8,714.39
Orders drawn for school bills due April 1st, 1860,		3,049.87

Orders drawn for High School:

C. P. Rugg,	$878.75	
Phebe W. Cook,	314.50	
Caroline Dexter,	168.75	
Lois Dean,	119.00	
		1,481.00

For Common Schools:

No. 10.

Kate A. Jenney,	191.75	
Fish, Robinson & Co., fuel,	6.50	
		198.25

No. 11.

George T. Russell,	166.00	
Hannah K. Peirce,	108.00	
	274.00	
L. S. Judd, fuel,	11.21	
Isaiah West, fuel,	4.40	
	15.61	
W. H. Warner, "care,"	7.00	
		296.61

No. 12 and 13.

H. O. Martin,	552.50	
S. E. Millet,	192.50	
M. A. Fairfield,	187.00	
Adeline L. Grinnell,	175.00	
Jane F. Grinnell,	122.50	
Annie A. Grinnell,	175.00	
Esther Delano,	139.05	
Amanda Clark,	157.50	
M. S. Eldridge,	136.00	
Louisa T. Bowen,	48.00	
	1,885.01	

Henry F. Grinnell, "care,"	21.49		
Andrew J. Jenney, "	46.68		
Patrick Sweeney, "	19.70		
J. H. Hill, "	3.60		
Elnathan Eldridge, "	5.60		
Horace Delano, "	7.20		
Clara Baker, "	1.40		
R. M. Delano, "	13.80		
Samuel Delano, "	8.40		
		127.87	
L. S. Judd, fuel,	53.13		
Fish, Robinson & Co., "	32.11		
E. Sawin, "	13.00		
A. Gilmore, "	3.00		
Isaiah West, "	1.50		
		102.74	2,115.66
No. 14.			
M. A. Farwell,	90.00		
George M. White,	144.00		
S. Crapo, fuel,	9.00		
			243.00
No. 15.			
Sally R. Brady,	99.00		
J. M. Stackpole,	126.00		
		225.00	
F. Jenney, fuel,	4.35		
W. C. Eldridge, fuel,	1.00		
		5.35	230.35
No. 16.			
Phebe J. Leonard,			220.00
No. 19.			
A. H. Snow,	218.50		
E. A. Thacher,	133.00		
		351.50	
Fish, Robinson & Co., fuel,	13.03		
I. West, fuel,	36		
		13.39	
E. S. Whiting, "care,"	6.00		
H. B. Gifford, "	7.00		
		13.00	377.89
Balance not drawn,			501.76
			$8,714.39

HIGHWAYS.

Amount oppropriated for repairs,	$1,500.00	
Cash from George A. Briggs,	20.89	
Cash from Allen Brownell,	2.12	
		$1,523.01

By order drawn in favor of NATHANIEL DELANO for payment to

Nathaniel Delano and sons,	$99.17	
William Dwelley,	26.77	
Alfred Delano, Jr.,	4.54	
Allen Bumpus,	3.90	
Ebenezer Delano,	14.82	
John Wood,	4.50	
Andrew Wilcox,	9.34	
N. S. Higgins,	.53	
Philip Nolan,	3.62	
John West,	8.25	
Phœnix Hall Co.,	57.67	
Reuben Wing,	21.76	
David C. Wood,	11.00	
Seth Stevens,	2.80	
Isaac Terry,	3.32	
John Nolan,	.94	
R. W. Dexter,	.40	
Alexander Tripp,	4.67	
Arthur Cox,	3.34	
	———	$281,34

Order drawn in favor of SILAS P. ALDEN, for payment to

Silas P. Alden,	$51.37	
Francis Hammond,	4.00	
Henry Jenney,	6.25	
William Eldridge,	5.00	
William Stetson,	2.50	
Seth Alden,	25.38	
Seth Stevens,	2.75	
Jabez Howard,	12.25	
Enos Pope,	13.17	
Asaph Taber,	9.06	
Ebenezer Alden,	23.75	
Samuel White,	3.12	
Isaac Terry,	.44	
Elisha Hammond,	2.50	
Charles Jenney,	5.25	
	———	166.79

Order drawn in favor of W. A. SPOONER, for payment to

W. A. Spooner,	$143.13	
William A. Tripp,	4.37	
Benjamin Wilcox,	2.50	
	———	150.00

Order drawn in favor of JONATHAN COWEN, for payment to

Jonathan Cowen,	$38.67
Job Wilcox,	13.20
Andrew Spooner,	1.12
Seth F. Jenney,	4.97

Allen Bump,	1.00	
E. Durfee,	2.00	
Joseph Peirce,	6.50	
Samuel Tinkham,	4.87	
Seth E. Stevens,	1.37	
Watson Jenney,	7.25	
Jabez Jenney,	1.00	
		81.95

Order drawn in favor of GEORGE A. BRIGGS, for payment to

Isaac Terry,	3.92	
Henry Brownell,	54.15	
Hugh Nelson,	3.75	
John Quirk,	5.00	
Eben Delano,	1.12	
Seth Alden,	5.25	
John Sweeney,	4.69	
J. R. Lawrence,	4.67	
Jonathan Cowen,	5.50	
William C. Ford,	13.13	
Charles G. Snell,	14.10	
John Alden,	.33	
William Dwelley,	.96	
Edwin Jenney,	14.69	
Joseph Dwelley,	7.75	
Samuel Briggs,	31.69	
Ezra Crowell,	11.63	
George F. Howard,	6.25	
George Wilcox,	9.25	
George C. Boomer,	5.31	
Joseph Leavitt,	1.00	
John B. Freelove,	19.37	
Andrew J. Jenney,	.60	
John Nolan,	5.56	
S. P. Jenney,	.25	
William Alden,	21.75	
Thomas Butler,	2.50	
Dennis Demoranville,	1.50	
Reuben Wing,	2.77	
Philip Nolan,	3.37	
G. A. Briggs,	66.00	
		327.81

Order drawn in favor of BERIAH AUSTIN, for payment to

Beriah Austin,	55.04
William Anthony,	1.62
John Hathaway,	2.50
J. Jenney,	1.00
Lot Besse,	6.32
Charles Besse,	1.25

James Wixon,	2.87		
Isaac Terry,	4.40		
		75.00	

Order drawn in favor of ALLEN BROWNELL, for payment to

Allen Brownell,	40.99		
Ellis Mendall,	5.00		
Charles Bryant,	7.25		
Isaac Hathaway,	4.12		
William Peckham,	6.86		
Matthew Howard,	2.75		
John Gelett,	8.60		
Richard West, Jr.,	3.87		
T. & E. Delano,	11.75		
Seth Delano,	11.12		
Alonzo Stone,	2.75		
William West,	1.25		
Welcome Lawton,	14.00		
Bartholomew Akin,	3.87		
Lemuel S. Akin,	3.28		
J. Jenney,	1.00		
Joseph King,	3.43		
Dennis Stevens,	5.00		
Levi Blossom,	18.19		
Joshua Snow,	2.50		
Seth Stevens,	4.39		
Frederick Hammond,	15.95		
John Weeden,	5.00		
Elisha Hammond,	5.25		
Edward Baker,	3.43		
Henry Weeden,	6.87		
George Weeden,	1.37		
Noble Gelett,	16.87		
Wilbur Sturtevant,	4.12		
Asaph P. Taber,	5.00		
E. Durfee,	1.00		
Plow,	1.50		
		228.33	1,311.22
Balance carried to incidental account,			211.79
			$1,523.01

FARM, ALMS HOUSE, AND POOR.

Appropriation for 1860–61,		$2,500.00
Cash received from Nantucket,	$210.37	
Cash received from Fall River,	206.99	
Cash received from Rochester,	46.66	
Cash received from Middleborough,	7.00	
Cash received from Acushnet,	49.09	
Cash received from William A. Spooner, by labor and team from farm,	187.63	

Cash received from William A. Spooner,		198.04	
Cash received from Welcome J. Lawton,		16.00	
Cash received from Elbridge G. Morton,		18.58	
Amount overdrawn from 1855 to 1860,	6,011.57		
Amount overdrawn, 1861,	201.78	6,213.35	7,153.71
			$9,653.71

Orders drawn:

For support of poor in and out of alms house, for 1859–60,	680.88	
For support of poor in and out of alms house, for 1860–61,	2,074.05	
		2,754.93

ALMS HOUSE.

For Aaron Savory,	3.00
For Warren Delano,	4.00
For Levi Wing,	10.00
For Marshall Briggs,	7.50
For Isaac Terry,	39.98
For Jones Robinson,	35.00
For L. S. Judd,	102.63
For J. B. Bisbee,	27.55
For Lunatic Asylum,	57.15
For Acushnet,	1.50
For Seth Shaw,	5.65
For Francis Stoddard,	18.50
For Labor,	96.00
For Physcians' bills,	53.75
For W. A. Spooner,	425.00
	$3,642.14
For Amount overdrawn to 1860,	6,011.57
	$9,653.71

Due from F. Keith, on his note,	94.21
Due from town of Nantucket,	150.00
Due from town of Mattapoisett,	8.00
Due from town of Acushnet,	4.00
Francis T. Perry's note, at 12 months, dated Jan. 28th, 1861,	50.00
	306.21

INCIDENTAL ACCOUNT.

Appropriation for 1860–61,		8,000.00
Special appropriation for Main street side-walk,	3,000.00	
Cash from George A. Briggs, for extra flagging, &c., on Main street sidewalk,	47.60	
		3,047.60

Special appropriation for road from G. H. Taber's to near I. C. Albert's house,	100.00
Special appropriation to grade and gravel Chestnut street,	50.00
Special appropriation for sidewalk on Centre street,	40,00
Special appropriation for sidewalk on Jefferson street,	25.00
Special appropriation for Bridge street,	70.00
Special appropriation for sidewalk on Main and Centre sts.,	229.00
Special appropriation for Mill Bridge,	300.00
Special appropriation for Insurance,	30.00
Special appropriation for Hook and Ladder carriage,	50.00
Special appropriation for Committee on division,	45.00
Special appropriation for drain from Main street,	25.00
Loans from Fairhaven Institution for Savings,	4,000.00
Loans from Fairhaven Bank,	5,000.00
Loans from Merchants Bank,	2,500.00
Dividends from Fairhaven Bank,	168.00
Cash for Auctioneer's licenses,	4.00
Cash from sundry persons, for old plank,	7.00
Cash from dog licenses,	94.00
Cash from John A. Hawes, fines for unlicensed dogs,	20.00
Unexpended balance from highway account,	211.79
Overlay on taxes,	698.73
Amount assessed for school books,	250.90
Balance overdrawn,	3,163.13
	$28,129.15

Orders drawn:

HIGH SCHOOL.

S. H. Dudley, care,	$8.00		
Frank Delano, care,	28.50		
W. F. Maxfield, care,	29.12		
		65.62	
Mary Barstow,	8.75		
Margaret Shields,	10.50		
S. S. Swift & Co.,	2.31		
N. S. Higgins,	5.92		
Joseph Cutler,	5.00		
Guild & Sampson,	21.17		
Purrington & Taber,	9.33		
H. W. Richmond,	2.18		
J. B. Bisbee,	19.48		
F. M. Fuller,	.84		
L. S. Judd,	.65		
Harvey Wadsworth,	39.76		
		125.89	
A. Gilmore, fuel,	4.20		
Fish, Robinson & Co., fuel,	52.16		
Isaiah West,	1.00		
		57.36	
			248,87

MAIN STREET SIDEWALK.

J. Allen, Jr., & Co., flagging,	1,307.07		
Seth A. Mitchell and others, curbing,	753.55		
James R. Lawrence, carting flagging,	40.75		
Ezra Crowell, carting flagging,	28.28		
Bliss & Winslow, laying flagging,	81.10		
Jonathan Cowen, paving stones,	99.70		
Daniel Murphy, paving,	90.60		
Fish, Robinson & Co., wharfage,	24.25		
		2,425.30	
Isaac Terry,	7.54		
William C. Ford,	.75		
John B. Freelove,	2.62		
F. M. Fuller,	.25		
Samuel Briggs,	43.30		
John Quirk,	30.50		
James R. Lawrence,	9.70		
Ebenezer Delano,	16.56		
John Lawton,	16.63		
John Sweeney,	14.62		
John Nolan,	17.00		
William Howard,	12.12		
S. P. Jenney,	.25		
William P. Alden,	43.30		
Joseph Ellis,	3.94		
Albert Sawin,	.20		
Bradford Hathaway,	10.37		
George A. Briggs,	97.88		
		327.53	
			2,752.83
Extra flagging,		45.57	
Laying extra flagging,		3.43	
Laying extra paving,		4.10	
			53.10
William A. Spooner, labor on highway, extra,		44.50	
Henry Brownell, labor on highway, extra,		45.30	
Jonathan Cowen, labor on highway,		1.65	
			91.45
William L. B. Gibbs, damages,		45.00	
Arthur Cox, damages,		26.50	
J. B. Taber, paving damages,		4.50	
J. B. Taber, paving stones damages,		5.80	
			81.81

MAIN AND CENTRE STREET SIDEWALK.

Seth A. Mitchell, curbing,	125.57	
Jonathan Cowen, paving stones,	10.53	
Daniel Murphy, paving,	14.97	
		151.07

Henry Brownell,	10.50		
Samuel Briggs,	8.10		
John Quirk,	7.75		
John B. Freelove,	10.75		
John W. Lawton,	.62		
John Sweeney,	.37		
Andrew J. Jenney,	3.55		
John Nolan,	4.62		
S. P. Jenney,	.25		
William P. Alden,	5.32		
Joseph Ellis,	2.00		
Josiah H. Howland,	2.00		
George A. Briggs,	17.00		
		72.83	
Fairhaven Bank, damages, steps,	50.85		
Sampson & Guild, labor,	12.85		
Wesley Chase, labor,	7.65		
T. Damon, Jr., damages,	20.00		
		91.35	
			315.25

CENTRE STREET SIDEWALK.

Henry Brownell,	4.50		
Ezra Crowell,	8.12		
Eben Delano,	2.00		
Joseph Leavitt,	2.13		
J. R. Lawrence,	2.40		
J. B. Freelove,	4.50		
William H. Dwelley,	4.00		
George F. Howard,	1.25		
George A. Briggs,	8.45		
			37.35
Nathaniel Delano, Jefferson street,		23.97	
Nathaniel Delano, drain from Main to Cross street,		6.12	
R. W. Dexter, mill bridge,		294.00	
Job Wilcox, stone at Mr. Hammond's,		7.50	
Warren Read,		3.00	
			334.59

Order drawn in favor of Jonathan Cowen, for repairs on road leading from G. H. Taber's to near the house of I. C. Albert, for payment to

Jonathan Cowen,	38.94
Sylvanus Skiff,	5.50
Seth F. Jenney,	1.87
Watson Jenney,	6.81
Jabez Jenney,	4.12

Samuel Tinkham,	7.94	
Job Wilcox,	20.35	
William Eldridge,	3.75	
Seth Stephens,	2.47	
Joseph Peirce,	.62	
Andrew Spooner,	1.75	
William A. Spooner,	5.25	
James Braley,	.63	
	——	100.00

STREET LAMPS.

F. Hammond, care,	214.25	
J. H. Burgess, fluid,	135.01	
J. L. Church, fluid,	37.84	
F. M. Fuller, fluid,	3.67	
Isaac Terry, repairs,	24.00	
J. B. Bisbee, repairs,	7.50	
W. C. Ford, repairs,	.42	
Fish, Robinson & Co., carting,	2.50	
Fish, Robinson & Co., coal,	6.83	
	———	432.02

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Engine company No. 3,	262.00
Engine company No. 4,	145,00
Engine company No. 5,	36.00
Albert G. Liscomb,	2.56
J. Lewis, care of Engine 3, 1859,	15.00
B. Drew, Jr.,	1.50
C. Davenport,	2.00
Charles Crapo,	2.00
S. Swift & Co.,	5.24
Aaron Savory,	8.94
J. L. Church,	3.00
J. Lewis, locks and keys,	12.60
Nathaniel Fish,	2.46
Charles Hammond,	3.33
Allen & Bliss,	9.73
Bradford D. Hathaway,	3.00
Isaac Terry,	15.67
James F. Rogers,	7.00
Purrington & Taber,	6.24
Daniel K. Hathaway,	20.82
J. M. Thompson,	1.87
C. D. Shearman,	2.72
W. C. Ford,	6.84
John Sampson,	8.75
T. C. Allen, hose,	29.50
Raymond & Webb,	13.12

George H. Stevens,	12.50		
Fish, Robinson & Co.,	33.70		
L. S. Judd,	7.13		
J. B. Bisbee,	40.08		
Tripp & Bourne,	1.00		
F. M. Fuller,	9.97		
Isaiah West,	6.80		
A. Lucas & Son, well brick,	9.90		
J. Lewis,	25.00		
W. H. Bliss & Co., discharge pipes,	14.63		
B. Taber & Son,	4.75		
J. R. Lawrence, bills from 1851 to 1861,	33.98		
			$826.33

WATCH.

F. L. Hull,	41.00		
W. H. Eliot,	50.00		
John W. Lawton,	53.00		
Andrew Wilcox,	42.48		
Albert J. Barney,	3.00		
William Mann,	3.00		
			192.48

SELECTMEN.

John A. Hawes,	188.00		
Elbridge G. Morton,	62.00		
Jonathan Cowen,	50.00		
		300.00	

OVERSEERS OF POOR.

John A. Hawes,	37.00		
Elbridge G. Morton,	21.00		
Jonathan Cowen,	25.00		
		83.00	

ASSESSORS.

John Terry,	286.00		
George H. Taber,	70.00		
Seth Alden,	42.00		
		398.00	

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

I. Fairchild,	28.00		
Charles Drew,	50.00		
Edmund T. Allen,	55.00		
		133.00	

COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTS.

J. C. Tripp,	2.00		
Frederick Taber,	2.00		
		4.00	

FIREWARDS.			
Arnold G. Tripp,	6.00		
William M. Irish,	6.00		
W. R. Eldred,	6.00		
Aaron Savory,	6.00		
	——	24.00	
CONSTABLES.			
Alonzo Hill,	10.50		
Albert G. Liscomb,	10.75		
James Stubbs,	4.00		
Asa H. Pease,	2.50		
	——	27.75	
T. Damon, Jr., Town Clerk and Treasurer,	500.00		
T. Damon, Jr., Register,	21.10		
	——	521.10	1,490.85
John Terry and others, committee on division,	39.25		
Bristol County Insurance Company,	30.00		
Charles Taber & Co., for Books and Stationery,	43.51		
T. Damon, Jr., freight, expresses, &c.,	7.40		
R. W. Dexter, repairs on mill bridge,	2.27		
E. Anthony, printing, &c.,	94.74		
B. Lindsey, printing, &c.,	84.25		
Aaron Savory, repairs on mill bridge,	9.63		
William Henshaw, school books,	21.00		
E. Sawin, rent,	40.00		
Phenix Hall,	48.75		
	——	420.80	
Emily Stevens and others, for gravel pits,	43.00		
Tripp & Brown, for repair on mill bridge,	2.58		
Eliot & Stetson, for legal advice,	25.00		
J. C. Stone, for "mill pond indictments,"	80.00		
C. E. Clark, for committee on division,	14.00		
George A. Briggs, for surveys, estimates, &c.,	36.50		
Albert Jenney, for surveys,	4.00		
Fish, Robinson & Co., for storage engine four years,	19.00		
John Terry, for copying tax-book, (Acushnet,)	9.00		
Seth A. Mitchell, for flagging in 1859,	1.30		
James R. Lawrence, for trucking and labor,	14.90		
Ezra Crowell, for cartiug,	1.75		

Levi Blossom, for sheep killed,	3.00		
John Weeden, for sheep killed,	5.00		
E. Sawin, coal for clerk's office,	3.25		
Boston Advertiser, for printing,	6.00		
Union store, for shovel,	.85		
J. A. Hawes, for expense on ac. bonds,	3.75		
Rodolphus Ashley, referee,	1.00		
L. S. Judd, for cement,	2.00		
		275.88	696.68
Loans paid,			7,000.00
Fairhaven Institution for Saving, for interest,	1,181.67		
Fairhaven Bank,	1.33		
Emerson Briggs, for interest,	240.00		
Abner Pease's estate, for interest,	108.00		
		1,531.00	
Discounts,		153.75	
			1,684.75
Taxes remitted by assessors,			353.33
Abatement of taxes for prompt payment,			1,256.80
Poor account overdrawn from 1855 to 1861,			6,213.35
Overdrawn to 1860,			3,967.31
			$28,129.15

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN A. HAWES,
ELBRIDGE G. MORTON,
JONATHAN COWEN,
} *Selectmen.*

We, the undersigned, have examined the foregoing accounts, and believe them to be correct.

JOB C. TRIPP,
FREDERIC TABER,
} *Committee on Accounts.*

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN,

For the year 1860-61.

NEW-BEDFORD:
E. ANTHONY, PRINTER, 67 UNION STREET.
1861.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Gentlemen:

After the lapse of another year, it becomes the duty of your committee to submit the following report.

Though we cannot feel that all we wished to accomplish at the commencement of the year has been successfully carried out, or all the progress made which we anticipated and hoped for, yet we are happy in the assurance that no backward step has been taken. Not least among the auspices, favorable to education in our town, are the sure indications of a growing interest among parents and citizens in the schools themselves. It is unnecessary to recapitulate to a New England community the intimate relations which exist between the family and the school; between the parent and teacher. The existence of such relations is a palpable fact, use or abuse them as you may; properly used they are a well spring of progress; neglected or abused, no amount of money or careful superintendence of committees will avail to work out the desired end. That so obvious a duty on the part of parents, as that of visiting schools and securing the punctual and regular attendance of their children, should have been so long neglected, is, perhaps, more a matter of astonishment, than are the indications of an increased observance of such duty a cause of congratulation. The school is the connecting link between generations. It

binds us by indissoluble bonds to all futurity, nay even, to eternity itself. A dollar, judiciously expended in the cause of education, is worth more to any one of you as parent, patriot or philanthropist, than the same amount at compound interest from the creation of the world to the end of time. Now your personal attention can secure the judicious expenditure of every dollar of the school appropriation. Is it asking too much of any father and mother, that they should spend one hour of the day, of one day in the week, of one week in the year in the school where their children are receiving instruction, and co-operate with teachers and your committee in securing regular and punctual attendance? We have before us, recorded in the register of one of our schools, forty-six visits of persons other than members of your committee; and it is a significant fact, that in this school the average attendance during the summer, when most of those visits were made, was 93.47 per cent. of the whole number of scholars, and that through all the sickness of the winter months the average did not fall below 85.87 per cent.

As a result of increased parental interest in the schools, we begin to notice a better understanding between teachers and scholars, and parents and teachers. It is not many years since, that one of the most painful and arduous duties your committees had to perform, was that of listening to complaints of parents founded upon the stories of their children, and reconciling differences thus arising between parent and teacher. Your committee have been almost entirely exempt from such trouble during the past year; a single exception is hardly worth recording, were it not to exemplify the force of our conclusion, for in that instance neither father or mother, in all human proba-

bility, has seen the inside of a school room for twenty-five years.

The antagonism, which so long and so unfortunately existed between pupil and teacher, is fast melting away, thus rendering the necessary discipline of a school room of easy attainment on the part of the teacher, and not at all onerous on the part of the pupil. Reasonable regulations are not oppressive to willing pupils, and unreasonable exactions are odious to all reasonable instructors. In these days of normal schools and teachers' institutes, instruction has become a science. The mind is exercised and disciplined by mild but efficacious tonics, without the aid of vigorous external applications. The true meaning and intent of the word "education" is beginning to be realized. The instructor's duty is to teach the pupil *how* to learn, rather than *what* to learn; to please and edify him with what he does know, rather than torment and teaze him with what he does not know; in fine, to introduce the youthful mind to the realms of knowledge, and show it how to use, at will, the powers it already possesses. It is only when the mind of the pupil acts in unison with that of the instructor, that we can look for the full benefit of successful teaching. How sadly was this unison broken in the days of rulers and cow-hides!

There have been but few changes made in teachers since the last report. In those few instances the schools do not appear to have suffered under the charge of the new incumbents. At the last annual town-meeting, the town neglected, intentionally or accidentally, to authorize the prudential committees of the several districts to select and employ teachers, so that this responsibility really fell upon your commit-

tee. In the exercise of this responsibility we have seen scarce any occasion to interfere in the arrangements of the prudential committees, and, with perhaps a single exception, have taken no active part in the choice or employment of teachers for other than the High School.

The text-books in general use in the schools for the past few years have been of so excellent a character, that but few changes have been deemed necessary. The importance of having the best text-books the market affords need not here be urged. We think you already have them. Appreciating, as we all must, the inconvenience consequent upon frequent changes in school-books, you may rest assured that no school committee will take upon themselves the responsibility of a change in this particular, unless the advantages, to be derived, more than balance the inconvenience and expense arising therefrom.

We must, in duty to you and to ourselves, reiterate the strictures contained in the last report on the external and internal arrangements of our school-houses. To say nothing about appearances, they are entirely inadequate, at the present time, to fulfil the purpose for which they were erected. The time has been when, in one sense of the word, they would accommodate the children of the town; in every respect they now fail properly to do so. Great difficulty has been experienced, during the past year, in furnishing accommodation to those who have a legal demand upon you for a common school education in District 12 and 13. At the commencement of the year we found the Grammar School full to repletion, and classes in each of the medium schools qualified to enter the Grammar School. We considered the teachers in the medium

schools competent to instruct those classes another year; but then another difficulty arose. There were many more seeking admission to the primary schools than could be accommodated, unless a transfer could be made from the primary to the medium schools. No such transfer could be made, until accommodation could be furnished the classes ready to enter the Grammar School. To obviate these difficulties, your committee adopted the following temporary arrangement. We formed a preparatory class to the High School. Of this class twenty-seven were taken from the Grammar School in District 12 and 13, and ten (as many as were considered qualified by their teachers,) from the other districts. We accommodated this class with seats in the High School room, the recitations being heard in one of the class rooms. We furnished them with an experienced teacher at an expense of $28 per month. This class was under the instruction of Miss Lois Dean for 17 weeks, until the regular time for admission to the High School, when such of the class (including nearly all) as passed a satisfactory examination, became members of that school. In this way we removed the pressure thus existing upon the Grammar School in District 12 and 13, without incurring any large expense to the district, and, as we think, without infringing very materially upon the rights of the other districts in the High School. The amount of Miss Dean's wages, $126, has been apportioned among those districts, which sent scholars to this preparatory class, in proportion to the number from each district, so that $\frac{27}{37}$ of this extra expense falls upon District 12 and 13.

Such an arrangement for the ensuing year would be impracticable for the following reasons. There are

now seventy-nine in the High School, leaving room for but twenty-one. The class which will graduate next Fall is a small one. Should such a course be attempted, the consequence would be, that, giving the other districts their rights, the Grammar School in 12 and 13 would not be sufficiently reduced, and at the next examination for admission to the High School, there would not be adequate accommodation for such as would have a right to claim it. This being the case, no committee would feel justified in using school room belonging to the whole town, to supply the deficiencies of a single district, when those deficiencies could not, even in that way, be adequately met. We do not feel it our duty, considering the present state of business in our place, to ask for any expensive outlay for school accommodation. Nor have we any plan to suggest, whereby probable exigencies may be provided for. Whatever is to be done, must be done with regard to the actual state of things as presented at the commencement of the ensuing year. We have only to ask in behalf of the School Committee for the ensuing year, that, inasmuch as you will have placed them in this embarrassing condition with respect to school accommodations, you will aid them by your approval in their attempts to pursue whatever may to them, in view of all the circumstances, seem to be the best possible course. Do not add the embarrassment of dissatisfaction and fault-finding.

In accordance with a determination entered upon at the beginning of the year, your committee have closed the schools some three weeks earlier than usual this Spring. For many years past, it has been the custom to continue the schools until the very week preceding the annual town-meeting. This custom

occasioned great inconvenience to the Selectmen, Treasurer, and School Committee, in making up their several reports in time for distribution at town-meeting even. It seemed proper that the school report should be in your hands a few days, at least, before the time for acting upon so important a matter as school appropriations. To avoid the inconvenience above referred to, and secure the unquestionable advantage of your having this report some days before the annual town-meeting, were the reasons your committee had for closing the schools, all reports to the contrary notwithstanding. It is proposed that the schools commence earlier in the Spring than heretofore, viz.; the second week in April, instead of the first week in May. We feel confident that this arrangement, when the reasons for it and the results to be gained by it are considered, will meet with the approbation of all.

Your committee still maintain the opinion, that the abolition of the district system, would economize expenditures, and result in the better accomplishment of the purposes for which your schools are designed. The grounds upon which this opinion is based have been so often laid before you, that it is sufficient to refer you to previous reports. We need only add that every year's experience confirms us the more in our decided opposition to the district system.

The High School has continued under the charge of Mr. Charles P. Rugg, Principal, Miss Phebe W. Cook, and Miss Caroline Dexter, Assistants. During the last term of eight weeks, owing to the illness of Miss Dexter, but one Assistant has been employed. Much difficulty has been experienced in this school arising from the remissness of parents with regard to attendance and punctuality. There has

been more truantism on the part of members of this school, than in all the other schools in town combined. Unless there is immediate improvement in this particular, stringent regulations and restrictions must necessarily be adopted, with a view to obviate this evil. Notice is hereby given to those who absented themselves from, and left without permission, the last session of the High School, on Friday afternoon the 15th day of March, that no one of them will be permitted to enter that school during the ensuing year, until their parents shall have seen some member of the school committee, and obtained a permit to that effect.

At the close of the last High School year, a class of nine graduated from the school.

The whole number of pupils in Summer was - - - 60
The whole number of pupils in Winter was - - - - 88
Average attendance in Summer - - - - 93½ per cent.
Average attendance in Winter - - - - 88½ per cent.
Average attendance for whole year - - - 91 per cent.

TABLE I.

	SUMMER.						WINTER.				
Districts.	Whole No. between 5 and 15, May 1st.	Attendance between 5 and 15.	Attendance under 5.	Attendance over 15.	Whole attendance.	Average attendance.	Attendance between 5 and 15.	Attendance under 5.	Attendance over 15.	Whole attendance.	Average attendance.
10	34	47	0	4	51	38.	39	1	0	40	29
11	54	44	3	4	51	21.48	39	1	1	41	22.05
Primary Department.		19	1	0	20	16.14					
12 & 13	449	98	0	4	102	91.50	85	0	12	97	84
Intermedial.		42	0	0	42	33.97	39	0	0	39	31.70
Primary Department.		96	11	0	107	75.	77	10	0	87	61
North Primary and Medium.		51	7	1	59	42.11	48	3	1	52	31.37
South Medium.		36	0	0	36	28.79	34	0	0	34	27
South Primary.		41	9	0	50	37.67	—	—	0	32	24.55
14	29	21	0	1	22	13.21	23	0	1	24	17
15	37	40	1	1	42	22.75	24	1	3	28	20.6
16	50	41	0	3	44	28.	37	0	7	44	35.
19	63	52	2	1	55	35	46	0	1	47	28.

TABLE II.

Districts.	Terms.	Teachers.	Wages per mo.	Length of Sch.
No. 10 Royal Hathaway,	Summer,	Miss Catherine Jenney,	$20	4¾
" " " "	Winter,	Miss Catherine Jenney,	20	4¼
" 11 Oxford Village,	Summer,	Mr. George T. Russell,	32	5
" " " "	Winter,	Miss H. K. Peirce,	24	4½
" " Primary Dept.,	Summer,	Miss L. T. Bourne,	16	3
" " " "	Winter,	no school.		
" 12 & 13 Grammar,	Summer,	Mr. H. O. Martin,	65	4½
" " "	Winter,	Mr. H. O. Martin,	65	4
" " Assistant,	Summer,	Mrs. M. A. Fairfield,	22	4½
" " "	Winter,	Mrs. M. A. Fairfield,	22	4
" " Centre Medium,	Summer,	Miss S. E. Millett,	22	5
" " " "	Winter,	Miss S. E. Millett,	22	3¾
" " " Primary,	Summer,	Miss A. L. Grinnell,	20	4¾
" " " "	Winter,	Miss A. L. Grinnell,	20	4
" " Assistant,	Summer,	Miss J. F. Grinnell,	14	4¾
" " "	Winter,	Miss J. F. Grinnell,	14	4
" " N. Prim. & Med.,	Summer,	Miss E. Delano and	16	4½
" " " "	Winter,	Miss P. S. Eldridge,	16	4
" " S. Medium,	Summer,	Mrs. A. A. Grinnell,	20	4¾
" " "	Winter,	Mrs. A. A. Grinnell,	20	4
" " S. Primary,	Summer,	Miss A. Clark,	18	4¾
" " "	Winter,	Miss A. Clark,	18	4
" 14 Sconticut,	Summer,	Miss M. A. Farwell,	18	5
" " "	Winter,	Mr. George M. White,	36	4
" 15 Nasketucket,	Summer,	Miss S. R. Brady,	18	5½
" " "	Winter,	Mr. J. M. Stackpole,	36	3½
" 16 New Boston,	Summer,	Miss P. J. Leonard,	20	5
" " " "	Winter,	Miss P. J. Leonard,	30	4
" 17 West's Island,	no school			
" 19 Pease District,	Summer,	Mrs. A. H. Snow,	23	6
" " " "	Winter,	Mrs. A. H. Snow,	23	3½
" " Assistant,	Summer,	Miss E. A. Thacher,	14	6
" " "	Winter,	Miss E. A. Thacher,	14	3½

The amount of money, held by the Town Treasurer for school purposes for the year 1860–61, has not been entirely expended. It included the following items.

Appropriation,	$5,500.00	
Received from State school fund,	147.40	
Balance from last year's account,	23.24	
Total,		$5,670.64
Apportioned to District No. 10,	$200.00	
" to District No. 11,	375.00	
" to District No. 12 and 13,	2,200.00	
" to District No. 14,	250.00	
" to District No. 15,	230.00	
" to District No. 16,	225.00	
" to District No. 17,	000.00	
" to District No. 19,	375.00	
" to High School,	1,609.00	
Total amount apportioned,		$5,464.00
Amount unapportioned,		$205.64

The average length of schools throughout the town, not including the High School, during the past year has been 8.86 months. Your committee think that by reducing the length of schools to eight months, an appropriation of $5,000, in addition to the amount unexpended from last year's appropriation, will be amply sufficient for the coming year.

Though it is necessary to reduce the amount of money to be expended for school purposes, it by no means follows that we must, as a consequence, diminish the benefit to be derived from our schools. Were such the necessary result of economizing expenditures, no member of your committee would propose the appropriation of a single dollar less than was granted last year. Let parents see to it that their children are punctual and regular in their attendance, that their lessons are faithfully learned, and their behavior in conformity with school regulations. Let them encourage teacher and pupil by occasional, if not frequent visits to the school-room, and we may look with confidence for as fair results from our schools for the next, as have accrued during the past, or any preceding year.

ISAAC FAIRCHILD, *Chairman.*
CHARLES DREW, *Secretary.*

FAIRHAVEN, March 30th, 1861.